to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Strategy for agriculture growth for the Eighth Plan

1261. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any strategy for agriculture growth has been worked out for the Eighth Plan;

(b) if so, details of the same; and

(c) the percentage of agriculture growth envisaged during Eighth Plan, compared to that of the 6th and 7th Plans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) to (c) The Eighth Five Year Plan has not yet been finalised. It is, therefore, not possible to provide the details of the strategy for agricultural growth in the Eighth Five Year Plan including any comparison with the growth in the Sixth and Seventh Five Year Plans.

Prevention of drug addictions in Calcutta

1262. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a recent Survey on drug addicts in Calcutta has revealed that there are 68,518 heroin addicts in Calcutta which is almost 1.6 percent of the total population; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to fight this drug menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Financial assistance has been provided the voluntary organisations for setting up two deaddiction centres for treatment of drug addicts and five counselling centres in Calcutta. Financial assistance has also been provided to voluntary organisations for undertaking awareness building programmes against drug abuse. State Government is also actively involved in education programmes for prevention.

Food Ministers Conference

1263. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Food Ministers of States met at New Delhi on the 5th July, 1989;

(b) if so, what were issues raised and discussed; and

(c) the final outcome of the meet?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) A meeting of the Advisory Council on Public Distribution System which has as its members the Food and Civil Supplies Ministers from States/UTs and others was held in New Delhi on 5th July, 1989.

(b) and (c) The following were the main issues discussed in the meeting:

(i) Adequacy of fair price shops in tribal, desert and remote areas, etc.

(ii) Strengthening of monitoring arrangements for Public Distribution System.

(iii) rationalisation of margins of FPS owners.

(iv) Door-step delivery of PDS items to fair price shops.

(v) Scheme for distribution of subsidised foodgrains in ITDP areas.

The States/UTs were requested to make continuous efforts to strengthen the Public Distribution System to ensure an uninterrupted flow of essential commodities to the public.

The States/UTs also asked for higher allocation of Public Distribution System items from the Central Pool.

Legal provision regarding absence of landlord

1264. DR. R. K. PODDAR:
SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the legal provisions relating to absence of a landlord from his property and what are its consequences on the ownership of the property in Delhi;

(b) by what laws such cases are governed; and

(c) whether Government contemplate any changes in the existing laws and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Shortage of foundry-grade pig iron in in country

1265. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for acute shortage of foundry-grade pig iron in the country;

(b) whether there is any plan to import pig iron to meet internal needs; and

(c) what was the total import last year?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) to (c) With a view to bridging the gap between demand for pig iron and supply, SAIL plants have increased the production of pig iron during the current year even though it is not financially attractive for SAIL. Besides thus increasing the domestic production, pig iron will be imported to augment the supply. In 1988-89, MMTC and SAIL imported about 1.9 lakh tonnes of pig iron.

1266. [*Transferred to the 3rd August, 1989*]

Basis for allocation of funds for Jawahar Rozgar Yojna

1267. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the basis for allocation of funds for Jawahar Rozgar Yojna; and

(b) whether highly educated but unemployed including rural unemployed people are likely to suffer most.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Resources under the Yojana are allocated to States/UTs. on the basis of percentage of poor people that live in the rural area of the State as compared to all the rural poor of the country. Resources allocated to the States are further distributed to the districts on the basis of percentage of agricultural labourers to the main workers, percentage of rural SCs/STs population to the total rural population and the inverse of agricultural productivity in the weights of 20:60:20 respectively. After setting apart funds for Indira Awaas Yojana, not less than 80 per cent of the district allocation are dis-